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Welcome

Welcome to our tenth issue of Occupy Sydney Zine!

So excited about the Pod Cast. Please check it out @ osydpodcast.org. Occupy is a diverse & interesting subject. It's hard to believe it's been seven months of ongoing conversation & learning curve.

We are the people's media!

This is *your* platform to share & show what Occupy Sydney means to you. The submissions in this zine are the opinions of individual Occupiers. All copy rights & ownership remain with these individuals.

If you are running your own Occupy Event or maintaining your own Occupation please let us know about it. Send photos, report backs & event details to OccupySydneyZine@gmail.com

Please feel welcome to contribute & add *your* voice & views.

It is only when we share in the commons do we bond as a community, so let us all share in the commons of the people's media & discover what we can create together.

Online version & back issues http://www.scribd.com/occupysydneyzine

A big thank you to Hugo, Wenny, Rosie, Alan, Alex & Matt for your articles, report backs, Poetry, websites, photos and images.

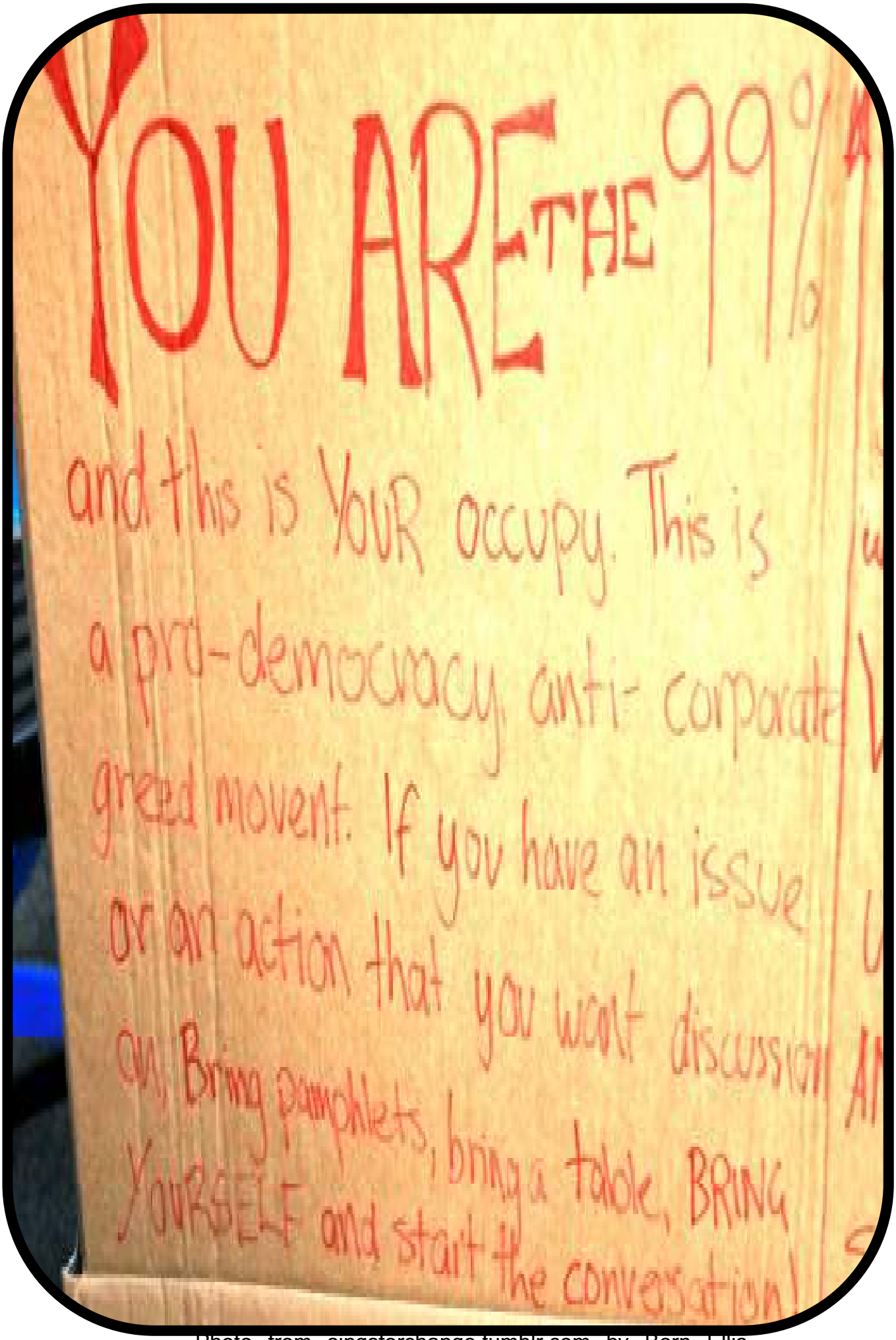
I am so very grateful to work on this project with your talents!

Much Love & Support xx Bern

Your Submissions & Feedback

Please put "Submission", "Feedback" or "Subscription" in the subject heading & submit your contributions by Wednesdays to OccupySydneyZine@gmail.com

so it can be ready for printing by Occupy Fridays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a pro-democracy, anti-corporate
greed movent. If you have an issue
or an action that you want discussion
on, Bring pamphlets, bring a table, BRING
YOURSELF and start the conversation!

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Reportback from the Occupy Sydney Podcast Working Group

In the latest episode of the Occupy Sydney podcast, we take a look at the conflict fuelled by the trade in resources. Here are some of the issues;

- Ivan Glasenberg, CEO of Glencore and The Richest Man in Australia profits from Child Labour in DR Congo
- George Forrest International destroyed Kawama village in DR Congo with complete impunity in 2009. Houses were bulldozed while people slept in them. A 10-year-old boy had leg crushed under rubble; family couldn't afford medical treatment.
- Australia continues to fund Indonesian special forces troops who are torturing, murdering and terrorizing peaceful activists in West Papua
- American, Belgian and British governments plotted and carried out assassination of democratically elected Prime Minister of DR Congo Patrice Lumumba in 1961.
- Indonesian Military receives only 20% of funding from the state. The remainder is raised privately. Military officers own timber concessions and often participate directly in resource extraction.
- Australian SAS troops are in Africa. Until recently this was secret.
- There have been reports of Australian forces in West Papua (unverified)
- Australian Mercenaries have been employed to provide security to mining companies in West Papua
- Foreign workers with military training have been employed in mines in DR Congo. These workers can, and have, fought locals.
- Atrocities that benefit the interests of extractive companies are being committed daily – nothing much changed since Conrad saw the horrors of Leopold's Congo Free State and wrote "Heart of Darkness"

Part 2 will look at the environmental damage caused by the extractive industries.

Part 3 will look at the corruption and deception around mining deals, government and politics.

We could only cover a small fraction of the issues around this topic; please visit osydpodcast.org for more information and links.

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Occupy Sydney Podcast Episode 2: Robbery with Violence – resource exploitation series pt 1 of 3

Link to Audio

Submitted by Hugo

Are you able to donate to the Legals Fund

to assist people with court costs and fines out of their participation in a global movement against the current economic system?

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A big thank you to everyone that helped out with the Legals fundraiser on Saturday

Submitted by Wenny

3 years of coup: Honduras under the thumb of the international 1%

What are the first things you learned about Honduras? Maybe that it is a paradise for diving in the Bay Islands, or to wander around Copán Ruins to imagine older ways of living… commodities (tourist destinations in this case) are what get more dissemination, as there is money behind getting word out… whereas, a military coup, what do they want you to know about that?

Maybe you have gone on to learn that there is some serious political killings and persecution going on in Honduras with the 28 June 2009 military coup, but don´t get the in´s and out´s so much. You might have questions about who was overthrown, what government is in place, who was and is behind the coup, etc. If you want to, look up these names: Zelaya, Lobo, Micheletti, FNRP. In short though, the removed Zelaya government was reformist; it upped minimum wages, talked with grassroots organisations about their involvement in reforming the constitution, and with farmers about land redistribution.

The coup was an international operation. Zelaya was taken to the then only US military base, in Comayagua, before being put on a plane and forcefully deported. Comayagua is also home to the massive prison fire on this year´s valentines´ night that killed over 355 prisoners, and where prisoners who managed to break and jump the roof panels and ran out were shot at by guards, and where weeks later where family members camped outside government offices demanding the bodies of their loved ones were attacked en-masse by teargas of Honduran security forces. Now there are also military bases, in Bay Islands, and in the pre-industrialised Patuca region, where gunshots were fired from US helicopters in the name of war against drugs, killing two pregnant women aged 28 and 48, and two youths aged 14 and 21, while 11 survived, some wounded, jumping into the water.

The basic overarching idea of the coup is to create and keep conditions of persecution and impunity to maximise the degree to which business can do whatever they want without regard for human beings or the environment. The extent is such that there are projects to privatise entire cities, that can have their own laws and tax systems, called model cities.

Impunity is visible. I played a game with myself last trip, you can play it too. Hang around for a few weeks In Honduras, travel different parts, look for cops cars with a numberplate. I didn´t spot even one, maybe you will? Have a go. Let me know what happens. Honduran friends say before the coup it wasn´t like that… I have witnessed myself numberplates on cops cars near the beginning of the coup, I remember seeing cops stick a piece of paper covering theirs and a journalist woman friend rip that piece of paper off. She was given an immediate death threat. A Guatemalan friend and his brother gave me a lift, his brother is a cop. He says all cops cars in Guatemala have numberplates, although there may be fake numberplates for sure. Similarly an activist friend in Chile looks at photos and was alarmed seeing the cars without numberplate…, ´what the hell..?´ She questioned. Its not only cops cars, but many other cars, vans, etc. Death squad vehicles. Yet they look so normal now.

The idea of it all is to silence dissent to impose, but it doesn´t work. Although reading the Lonely Planet you might think comparing to their neighbours that Hondurans are pacifists who let happen to them whatever comes their way, the culture of resistance visible is different to that. People´s blood boil. They do things I would never dream of doing, like in December, women journalists organised and held a protest against the killing of journalists, the tally is now over 20 since the coup in this tiny country. When presidential guards repressed them and blocked their entry into the presidential building, a few snatched the batons from the guards and gave them a taste of their own medicine, as guards tried to find shelters hiding behind their metal shields. ´Arrrgghh! Don´t….´ you can almost hear them.. this is just one example, of things I wouldn´t do. There are many more. Definitely look up the massive land-occupations.

And not hard to imagine why the blood boils. Walter, Wendy, Isis, Santos, Olga, Roger.. are some of the hundreds cold-bloodedly murdered – they are human rights defenders, students, youths, unionists, teachers, journalists, lgbti and women activists, farmers, Indigenous and environmental activists, and more… they are people someone used to go get that bus with or to go with to the *pulpería* to buy that roll of loo paper, or tomato, or union, or packet of oats. They used to be people you might have the opportunity to meet one day and go have a *baleada* (tortilla with food folded inside) or *horchata* (rice and cinnamon drink) or both, together, and debate the world you want to see.

Who is behind this? There are some *Big Wallets* responsible. We know of Big Banana, Big Pineapplie, even Big Marino… is that what that sheep towards Canberra is called? Well *Big Wallets* are not many compared to little ones, but they are all over the place. They are in Honduras, they are in US, they are even in Australia. They exist wherever capitalism exists. They literally empty lives… all over the place. They are in charge of *chavas y chepos* (soldiers and cops), governments, private security and paramilitary death squads

Chekeleke (okay) *compitas,* thanks for taking this glimpse with me, hopefully it gives some idea but you are welcome to chat with me anytime, or join us for a short free school session this Saturday 10.30am at Iberoamerican Plaza at the Devonshire St and Chalmers St exits of Central Station, for a ´tour´ of the social movements, just before the protest including some really cool street theatre prepared by our friends and other activities that starts 11am, same place.

Submitted by Rosie

SOLIDARITY

END THE POLITICAL KILLINGS, HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION!

This is an invitation to participate as a community in solidarity with Hondurans resisting the continuation of a brutal internationally coordinated military coup and honour to those resisters that have been murdered in the month of May 2012 among the many that have gone before them:

RALLY Saturday 23 June 2012 **11:00AM**
Iberoamerican Plaza Central Station
(near Devonshire)

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH HONDURAS

DENOUNCE THE COUP IN HONDURAS

The OCCUPY Content Management System (OCMS) @ occupytheuniverse.net

Learn

Education is a powerful tool for altering human belief systems and thus behaviour. It requires an organised system of information delivery and mechanisms whereby participation in the resultant evolving communities is facilitated. Comprehensive introduction to a variety of subjects is provided.

Occupy

In depth content covers the philosophy, structure, and activities of OCCUPY. For example, one significant role is, “the facilitation of community building through education”.

Interact

OCCUPY facilitates the creation of new ways of doing things and new ways of being responsible for the wellbeing and sustainability of both local and global communities. This is not easily done in isolation, but rather, gathers strength through interaction with others. It is a process that empowers each participant through the discovery that similar concerns are shared world-wide throughout many different communities.

Discuss

Participation in learning and interaction develops community identity. Through discussion, proposals for action can be clarified and activities understood.

Collaborate

Identification of problems through participation in learning, interaction, and discussion, leads to the generation of proposals for solutions. Solutions take the form of consensus driven collaborations that can evolve into real-world actions.

Dream on the Streets of Martin Place

By Alejandro Panés

Zzz…

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The 7/11 in Hunter St. isn't far but
the stroll has taken a while.
A beanie covers her blond hair;
fingerless woollen gloves warm her hands
and a dollar coffee her worries.

She sits on the War memorial and sips
carefully,
enjoying,
the shimmering sunset
that rocks the window ocean

back and forth.

The skyscrapers grind some money from the clouds.
The bread crumbs are waved by the wind,
like autumn confetti,
till they reach the pavement
and vanish.

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She sips again.
A wreath of lilies rests in peace
beside her.
Memories of War;
indelible photographs of fallen fellows,
of insomnia partners,
mud partners,
blood partners,
muddy and bloody cigarette partners
and a cough.

Ambivalent reminder that stands firm
with its right hand at its temple,
saluting forever.

Young men tossed on the board;
old men shaking the dice.
Geopolitical interests and National security;
a tragic encounter of euphemisms.
The shame of War and
what lies behind and
what comes after.

Continued...

Ambivalent reminder only understood by the guys
who ask themselves the question:
Why did I go there?

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The adult kids play soccer.
She joins and laughs.
Concentrated expressions
of joy,
running after a ball,
that fly in a parabola
from the outside of her foot
to the glass goal of the Fed.
The violent ripple travels through the immense mirror.
A landing spaceship deafens the square
and burps on its ramp
a couple of security guards
who chase the kids shaking their batons,
their hot dog bellies,
uncomfortable sweat
and frowns.
1-0.

Westpac and Fed.
How many yells do they hold during the day?
How many cries?
How many people do they help?
Any copy machine sex?
How much money do they hide?
How much real money?

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It's another dimension
cause up there,
on the bleak plateau of corrupted divinities,
where the faces roam
and the cheeks drip
like wax,
the eyes have forgotten their language
and the hearts have shrivelled
like yesterday's newspaper,
without meaning.

*

It's 8 o'clock on the GPO clock tower
and the no-man's land men start to gather.
They come out of their concrete warrens
and wait,
nonchalant.

Two men sit on blue milk crates,
bent towards each other,
hiding their next move behind tanned expressions
and grey beards
that water-fall on the chess board.

St Vincent de Paul night patrol arrives,
ladies and gentlemen set up a line,
a centipede:
right foot/left foot,
one after another.

Paternal angels give kindness and soup,
scarves and blankets,
give away 50's movie-star smiles and

Continued...

how are *yous* and *good on yas* and
religious devotion and
those smiles.
Best smiles ever.

The players don't seem to notice.
Don't seem to care
about their broken nails.
Bishop to F5
Pawn to E4

The news ticker on Channel 7 spins,
fuelled by the World,
projecting red beams
on facades,
on faces.
Acronyms and headlines,
stock-market values.
Digital tempus fugit
that takes just a fart to disappear.

The men on the queue chat about the *footy*,
chat about the weather.
The forecast on the ticker predicts sporadic showers
of liquor.

Tower to H6
Pawn to D3

What happened?
What didn't happen?
Inequality hidden
underneath megalodon monuments

to Sydney's financial splendour.

The Lucky Country,
where some live in leisure bubbles
while others carry heavy backpacks
of strong emotions,
never leaving behind the past.

Checkmate

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The pavement has been chalked with pastel colours
The messages read:

Taser-free zone

We are the voice of the voiceless

Human need not corporate greed

We are not leaving

If you don't let us dream, we won't let you sleep

The adult kids sit around the fire
and prepare their beds,
–they come closer,
shy at first–
set up the cardboards and stare
at the shamanic dances of the flames.

The dream catchers revolve from their strings:

Continued...

red like the soil,
yellow like the sun
and black like the skin.

No ceiling above their heads,
except for a pierced blanket
that hangs from the perennial trees.
A dome of millions of leaves;
each of them with their own dew
and individuality.

The Macquarie St. traffic lights
beep every five minutes.
Occasional cars.
Distant howls and hyena guffaws.
The wind caresses her skin,
softly.

She can’t remember the stars,
other than in a kid’s crayon drawing,
cause a dull purple halo covers the night
like the smoke of a burning aurora.

Beep,
beep,
beep.

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Love luminism
that focus and refocus.
Iridescent sketches
of the first week
come back to life.

Hundreds of spirits on the Square
–the stairs are packed–
share food and listen
the whisper of the land.

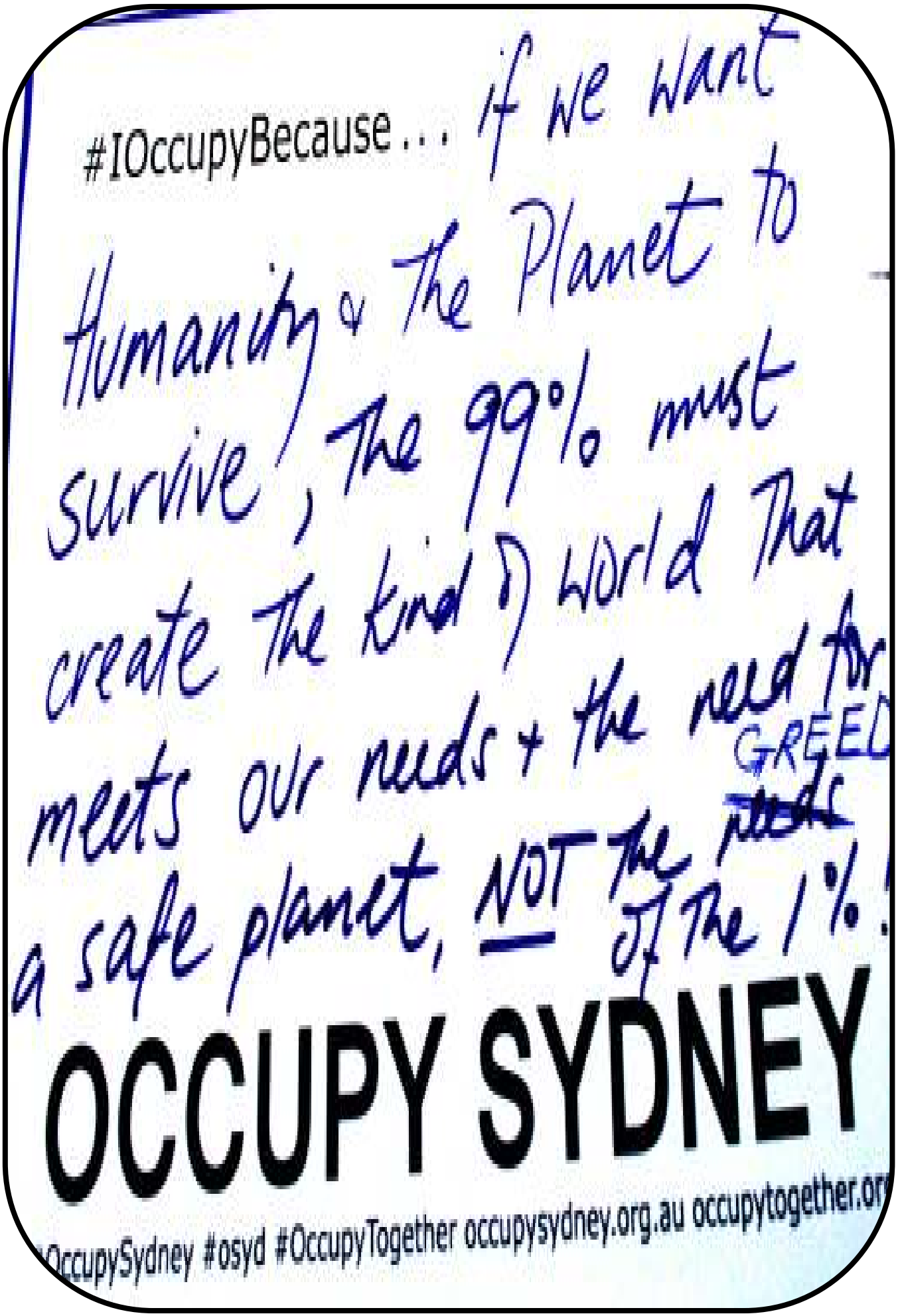
The dwellers look surprised:
some trespass the invisible fence,
approach and ask;
others just smile.

The cops set a perimeter
of tense steps.
They have orders to contain
the epidemic spread.

But the adult kids are strong
when their hugs meet with their souls.
Mic check!
A chorus of open chests follows:
Mic Check!

O-C-C-U-P-Y
What does it spell!?

Submitted by Alex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Humanity & the Planet to
survive, the 99% must
create the kind of world that
meets our needs + the need for
a safe planet, NOT the GREED
of the 1%!
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Lizard's Revenge - Shut Down Roxby 14.7.2012

Wed 09 May 2012
By Flowerpower

Roxby Downs

Recently BHP Billiton announced it's proposal to expand the Olympic Dam Uranium Mine in South Australia to become the largest open pit and uranium mine in the world. Traditional owner Uncle Kevin Buzzacott and activist/ musician Izzy Brown are organizing the Lizard's Revenge. On 14th July people are gathering for three days to shut down Roxby Downs which is irreversibly poisoning the land and water, contaminating its workers and spreading its deadly export to the Fukishimas of tomorrow and to war zones in the form of Depleted Uranium. As well as blockading the Lizard Festival will include solar and wind powered cinema, Theatre, Cabaret and Art installations, and over 20 musical acts.

Sleeping underneath the ground there is an old lizard, Kalta the sleepy lizard. The lizard ain't so sleepy anymore. Stand up and boogie down at the Gates of Olympic Dam 14th July 2012

Interview with Izzy Brown about the Roxby Down expansion and Lizard's Revenge http://youtu.be/Q9cnVy4QekY

Future Occupy the Court dates @ the Downing Centre

(we have an unprecedented break for a few weeks wow!):

- **Thurs 28th June:** Matt's RBA trespass hearing continued

- **Thurs 19th July:** Lily's staying overnight hearing continued + next court date for the Federal Court case (@ the Federal Court)

- **Fri 27th July:** Next court date for the 19 people in the Group

ENCLOSED LANDS PROTECTION ACT 1901 SECTION 7

(1) Any owner, occupier, or person in charge of inclosed land may DESTROY any goat found trespassing thereon.

This is the LAW

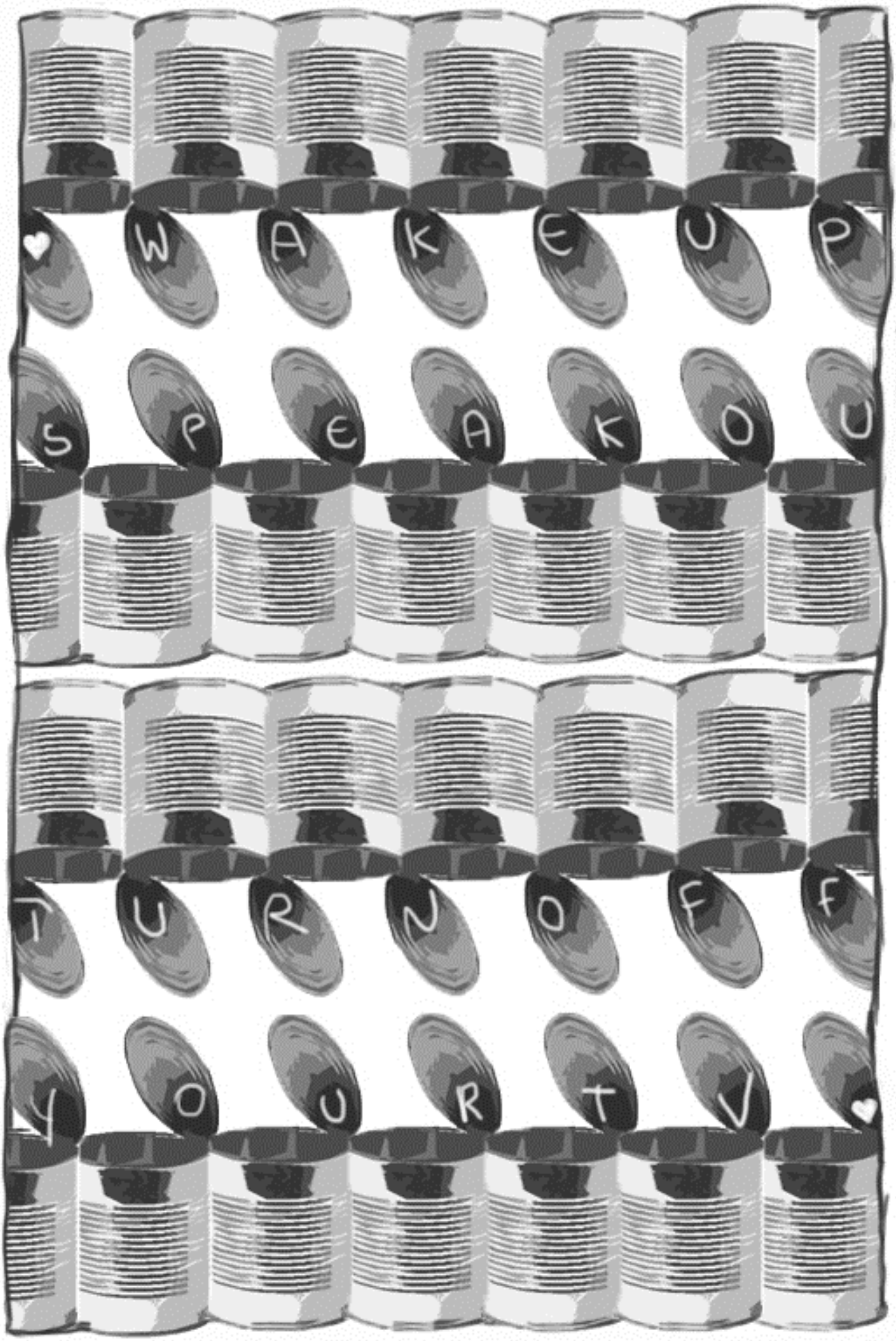
OCCUPY SYDNEY

From the Occupy Sydney Legal Tribune http://www.scribd.com/doc/97093128

10 PEOPLE CHARGED
WITH 'TRESPASS',
3 WHILE SHELTERING
FROM RAIN IN
MARTIN PLACE.

June 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
May 28 6.30pm GA MP	May 29	May 30 6.30pm GA MP Occupy the Courts	May 31 Rally @ DFATT 123 Pitt St Defend Julian Assange	1 Occupy Friday	2 Occupy Parramatta 5.30pm GA MP	3
4 6.30pm GA MP	5	6 6.30pm GA MP	7	8 Occupy Friday	9 Occupy Parramatta Free School MP 5.30pm GA MP	10
11 6.30pm GA MP	12	13 6.30pm GA MP	14	15 Occupy Friday	16 Occupy Parramatta 5.30pm GA MP 7pm Mic-Check Party	17
18 6.30pm GA MP	19	20 6.30pm GA MP	21	22 Occupy Friday	23 Occupy Parramatta Free School MP 5.30pm GA MP	24 World Refugee Day 1pm Town Hall
25 6.30pm GA MP	26	27 6.30pm GA MP	28 Occupy the Courts	29 Occupy Friday	30 Occupy Parramatta 5.30pm GA MP	July 1



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